



**Lewis and Clark County**  
**Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council**  
**Zoom Conference Room**

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Behavioral Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) is to assist in the improvement of Lewis and Clark County public behavioral health services and to review and make recommendations about services to County and State of MT's Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MOHAC) and Service Area Authorities.

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020: 11:30am-12:30pm**

**I. Called to Order/Welcome & Introductions**

Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2020

Previous months minutes will be posted on website prior to meeting for review.

24 Participants on Zoom Meeting.

**II. Strategic Plan**

Strategic Plan last updated 2017. Time for a refresh and to recognize work completed besides future focus. Steering Committee will contact past consultant, Dan Clark, who was recommended to lead SP again for implementation in January 2021 by Past LAC Chair. Jolene to reach out to Dan for availability, process and cost.

**III. Workgroup 2: Legislative Breakfast Taskforce – Matt Furlong**

Legislative Breakfast planning discussed with Representative Mary Ann Dunwel. She recommends no food needed for legislative representatives. COVID-19 will demand remote access, but hybrid format under consideration for mid-December target date. There was much success reported last year for participation from legislature and community.

PureView (*one word, but with capital V*) (Jill) offered to share her past success LAC and W2 Legislative Breakfast Taskforce Members.

Matt will send out a Doodle Poll for those interested joining the meeting for the Task Force.

Goals: Agenda, One-Page handout for Legislative Members, Pin-point policy and budget priorities, Initiatives, and meeting format with COVID19 (Hybrid with minimal onsite representation to address distancing and remote access by community.)

*BHAC Behavioral Health Advisory Council Mental Health Block Grant priorities discussion taking place virtually 9-23-2020 8:30 to 10 am.*

Gary M. to share Association for MT Health with 4 NAMI Strategic Priorities

LBT Members Volunteered to date: Matt Furlong, Jennifer Preble, Emily. Rep. Dunwel will provide legislative insight. Contact Matt Furlong to volunteer.

## **Public Comments/Announcements**

Thank you to BH LAC and Drenda for all you do from Representative Mary Ann Dunwel. I'd like to recognize LAC Member and resident of Helena, Jennifer Preble who is receiving a prestigious national award from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention presented volunteer advocate and championship of suicide prevention. Jennifer Preble is receiving the 2020 Sandy Martin Grassroots Field Advocate of the Year Award at the annual Allies in Action Awards ceremony on Thursday, September 10. Congratulations from all!

Suicide Prevention Month calendar includes LCPH (Jolene) receiving Proclamation at East Helena City Council tonight at 7pm to kick-off the month of Suicide awareness and prevention activities. Jess invited LAC attendance.- Jess H.

Suicide Prevention Month Calendar is also available on LCPH Suicide Prevention Coalition.

August 26<sup>th</sup>, the Helena City Commission began meeting to discuss the role of the Police Department within our community. The HCC addressed a wide scope of issues including staffing; statutory criteria, hiring and trainings and policy & procedures currently in place. Data was also provided on types of call responses, use of force, arrest and broad historical overview of current calls and response with law enforcement. Future meeting for HCC Role of Police Department planned for 9.17 @5pm tentatively. This may be of interest to BH LAC and Jolene's work. Commissioner Logan will forward information as it is available and a public participation link to the Novice Agenda to access future meeting information including the subject, location and time.

Maternal Mental Health Meeting webinar is 9/15 at 6:3pm.

United Way of LCC has their local kick-off in September. Everything will be virtual. National conference will start on 9/21. Visit website for new announcements, video's and back-packs for Homelessness Drive and more.-Emily M.

SAMHSA Covid19 Grant Fund activity/outcomes at LCPH-Healthcare Practitioner Stress Resilience Training for free healthcare trainings starting in September has been approved. Multiple providers vetted and applied for balance of funds with ongoing work to find a fit on this challenging emergency COVID19 grant in community.

## **IV. LAC Meeting Participation Survey Reminder**

Member participation survey was developed to determine barriers to meeting participation in response to the remote meeting application post-Covid19 and with a reduction in participant numbers. A survey link is posted for community and member response on Lewis and County BH Local Advisory Council Webpage and was sent in today's meeting invite. [Here is an additional survey link.](#) Thank you for participating.

### **Actions:**

**HCC Meeting information and public link regarding discussion on the role of the Police Department within our community-Commissioner Logan**

**Strategic Planning outreach to Dan Clark-Jolene**

**Legislative Breakfast Task Force Doodle Poll-Matt**

**Survey for BH LAC Barriers to Meeting Participation posted on website-Jolene**

**Participate in a Suicide Prevention Month Event in September- All**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 @11:30am**